

REGULAR MEETING
Mayor and Council
Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey
December 20, 2021

(PAH) Call Meeting to Order

Time: 7:01pm

Mayor's Announcement:

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been emailed to the BERGEN RECORD and SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been provided to individuals requesting the same.

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BOROUGH OF HARRINGTON PARK
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Topic: Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

Time: Dec 20, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Formal Action may or may not be taken.

Any other business that may come before the Council

(ALB) Roll Call:

	PRESENT	ABSENT
NAPOLITANO(AN)	x	
EVANELLA (GE)	x	
WALKER (DW)	x	
BROCKMAN (JB)		7:38pm
PEDERSEN (JP)	x	
CHUNG (JC)	x	

Also present:

Ms. Ann H. Bistriz, Borough Clerk (ALB)

Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO, CTC

Ms. Kristen Lusskin, Esq. for Mr. John Dineen, Borough Attorney

Councilman Elect William Blackinton (WB) Joined 7:15pm

(PAH) Flag Salute

(PAH) Minutes Approval

November 8, 2021

Motion JP
Second DW
No Discussion
Vote AIF (GE/JC Abstain)
November 15, 2021
Motion GE
Second DW
No Discussion
Vote AIF (JP/JC Abstain)

(PAH) Consent Agenda-Resolutions-

All matters listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion as listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. Should discussion be desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately under New or Old Business on the Agenda.

Consent Approval: A-C

A 2021-177 Refund due to Overpayment of Property Taxes

B 2021-178 Payment of Claims

C 2021-179 Authorizing the Transfer of 2021 Operating Budget Appropriations

Motion JP

Second JC

Discussion-None

Roll Call Vote AIF

Individual Committee Reports

(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher

(AN) Planning Bd., Bd. of Adjustment, Construction, Fire, Ambulance

HPVAC

18 calls for the month of November. 16 in Harrington Park, 2 mutual aid

HPVFD

15 calls, 2 drills, 2 inspections, 1 meeting each of Department, Chiefs and Interborough Department was involved with details for the 5K race

Received a matching grant of \$5000 from the 200 Club to be used towards the purchase of an inflatable rescue boat that would be useful in flooded areas. The State is providing training at no cost, if the department has the equipment necessary.

Hydrant markers have been received with plans of installation on December 30th. The old ones were in disrepair and were removed. This will help the safety of our residents.

AN noted that both these departments were quite busy this year in town as well as supporting out neighboring communities.

(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel

November Report:

422 calls for service, 100 traffic details

Well received Coffee with a Cop on November 5, 2021

Training at the Academy for Resiliency (Mandated by the State AG) was attended by Officers Lavigna and Leeman

\$12,000 left in OT

5 officers used 8 sick days. 2 officers had no sick time this year.

7 summonses issued-2 parking- 4 equipment- 1 moving 116 YTD-79-Officer Getto.
5 motor vehicle accidents 4 reportable, 1 not-no injuries
2603 miles driven YTD 34,309.

(DW) DPW, Building & Grounds, Sanitation/Recycling

(JB) Board of Health, Environmental Commission

(JP) Finance, Admin. & Exec., Grants

Recreation Commission will have a new process in place for umpire fees as per the Borough Auditor starting in 2022.

Police Committee plans on hiring officers which will be discussed later in the meeting.

CFO and Mr. Nappi are working with Norwood regarding shared services for leaves.

Tax Sale will be held December 21, 2021.

(JC) Recreation Commission, Liaison to Board of Education, Public Information

(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator

Laroche Avenue bid opening December 21, 2021-11am at Borough Hall

Old Business

GE Appointment of Police Officers (Separate Resolution)-to be discussed later in the meeting

~~ALB NJDOT Crossing Project by Police Station update~~

New Business

AN Mr. Wickersheim, Construction Official and Mr. Kim, Zoning Official are working on transitioning to a new zoning official in February due to scheduling and coordinating in the Building Department.

(PAH) Mayor's Report

Construction Official is out ill at this time and once there is an update everyone will be informed accordingly.

Councilman Elect Blackinton joined the meeting at 7:15pm

(PAH) Open the Meeting to the Public

Motion GE

Second JP

Vote AIF

No Public present

(PAH) Close the Meeting to the Public

Motion GE

Second JP

Vote AIF

Ordinances-None

(PAH) Motion for Closed Session GE Time: 7:16pm

Second DW

Vote AIF

Councilman Pedersen recused and will no longer participate in this meeting.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.

(GE) Police Personnel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.

Return to Open Session 7:40pm

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-180-Addendum D GE

Second AN

Roll Call Vote- AIF (*JP had recused himself prior to Closed Session and did not participate in the vote).

(JB) This is his final meeting outside of the year end business. For the past three years it has been an honor and a pleasure to work with the Council members and create great relationships. He has much he plans on doing outside of the structure of the Council.
PAH thanked him for his service.

Adjournment-Time: 7:42pm

Motion: GE

Second: AN

Vote: AIF

Addendum A Resolution 2021-177

Refunds due to overpayment of Property Taxes due to double payment by wire transfer from Wells Fargo Bank and various Title companies/Homeowners. See following chart;

Block	Lot	Owner	Address	Quarter	Year	Amount	Description
203	9	RUTMAN	41 LEE AVE	4	2018	4170.15	Garret Mtn Title/WF
304	1	NADGAUDA	26 RUGEN DR	3	2019	3680.13	A Abolute/WF
501	4	CHOI	515 LAFAYETTE RD	3	2014	163.96	H.O. overestimated

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo Bank is entitled to a refund of property taxes due to an overpayment of \$8,014.24

To: WELLS FARGO BANK

ATTN: Refunds/Financial Support

P.O. Box 14506

Des Moines, IA 50328-0001

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that the Chief Financial Officer shall issue refunds in the total amount of \$8,014.24 for overpayments of various property taxes.

Addendum B

Resolution

2021-178

Payment of Claims

WHEREAS, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Harrington Park in the following amounts under various funds of the town:

Current Appropriations (2020)	\$	1,613.58
Current Appropriations (2021)	\$	219,346.22
General Capital Fund	\$	40,077.72
Animal Trust	\$	
Miscellaneous Trust	\$	18,999.17
Affordable Housing Trust	\$	
Open Space Trust Fund	\$	16,763.60
Grants	\$	
Escrow	\$	170.00
Total	\$	296,970.29

WHEREAS, above claims have been listed and summarized in the attached Bills List Report, and the corresponding vouchers have been reviewed and approved by the department head, Borough Council, and the chief financial officer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available in the Borough of Harrington Park and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the Council and Chief Financial Officer and Department Head be paid and checks issued accordingly; and

WHEREAS, claims have already been paid in the following amounts for the purpose specified below:

Payroll- Salaries/Wages	\$	144,474.57
Payroll- Salaries/Wages	\$	141,048.99
Payroll- Salaries/Wages/disability	\$	145,539.59

Payroll-Salaries/Wages/disability- Other Funds	\$
Local School-	\$ 3,246,825.00
Regional School –	\$ 629,795.80
Capital Fund/Health Benefits/Pensions	\$ 60,283.08
Debt Services Principle (bond)	\$
Debt Services Interest	\$
Debt Service Loan/Interest (NJEIT)	\$

TOTAL \$ 4,222,427.44

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that the claims totaling **\$4,519,397.73** be approved and ratified respectively.

**Addendum C
Resolution
2021-179**

Authorizing the Transfer of 2021 Operating Budget Appropriations

WHEREAS, Title 40A:4-58 provides that should it become necessary, during the last two months of the fiscal year, to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriations over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may by resolution setting forth the facts (adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof), transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Harrington Park that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2021 Operating Budget.

From:

1-01-31-460-000-200 - 6000.00
Gasoline

To:

1-01-28-370-000-100 - Rec-SW	1000.00
1-01-28-375-000-200 – Rec-OE	3000.00
1-01-26-305-000-200 Solid Waste	4.00
1-01-20-140-000-100 Computer Services	1996.00

Addendum D
Resolution
2021-180

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council have established by ordinance a police department.

WHEREAS, such ordinance has been from time amended to include new positions and to otherwise provide for the efficient operation of the Police Department.

WHEREAS, there currently exist two vacancies in the police department at the level of patrolman and further, the financial officer has certified that funds are available to fill such vacancies.

WHEREAS, the Police Commission in conjunction with the Chief and Deputy Chief has recommended the names of Ryan William Soodsma and Michael McClellan to be hired by the Borough of Harrington Park at the initial step, Step 1-B, with an annual base salary of \$62,818 as provided for in the contract with the Harrington Park Policemen's Benevolent Association as set forth in a contract effective as of January of 2018.

WHEREAS, the Police Commission has recommended the name of Ryan William Soodsma and Michael McClellan to the Mayor, who endorses and now offers such individuals to the Council for Approval.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are satisfied that it is in the best interests of the Borough to accept Ryan William Soodsma and Michael McClellan into the Harrington Park Police Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park hereby employ and hire Ryan William Soodsma as Michael McClellan as patrolman at its initial step, Step 1-B on a 1 year probationary basis pursuant to ordinance and subject to the contract of 2018. However such appointment and swearing in shall not be effective until the candidates completes and passes drug testing and psychological testing.

2. The Chief and Police Commission shall review the tenure and status Ryan William Soodsma and Michael McClellan after such 1 year period and recommend to the Mayor and Council that said officer then be offered permanent employment pursuant to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with Harrington Park Policemen's Benevolent Association contract and as provided for therein.